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In re Application of:)
Yoshiaki SHIMIZU) Examiner: Lazorcik, J.
Serial No.: 10/743,383)
Filed: December 23, 2003) Art Unit: 1731

For: Method for Processing a Preform for Optical Fiber, Burner System Useful for Carrying Out the Method and Apparatus Comprising the Burner System

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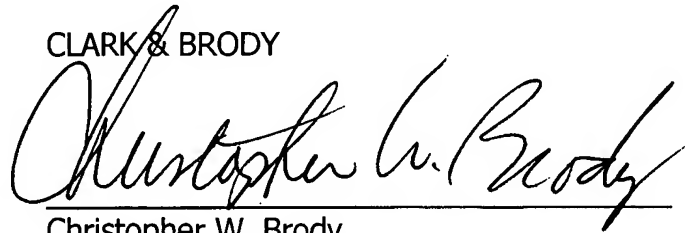
In response to the restriction requirement of July 21, 2006, Applicant elects the Group I invention, method claims 1-7. Applicant also reserves the right to file a divisional application on non-elected claims 8-17.

An early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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